IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 22 as indicated below. Please add new claims 23 through 48 as set forth below:

Claims 1 through 22: (Cancelled)

23. (New) An apparatus for friction driving a spool on a textile machine, said apparatus comprising:

a friction roll having at least one rotatable roll body disposed thereon; and

a friction ring carried on said rotatable roll body, said friction ring configured as a belt with two open ends bound together by a fastening apparatus.

24. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said fastening apparatus also affixes said friction ring to said roll body to secure the friction ring to said roll body.

25. (New) An apparatus as in claim 24, wherein said fastening apparatus comprises a bolt.

26. (New) An apparatus as in claim 24, wherein said fastening apparatus comprises at least one protuberance that is insertable into a complementary back cut groove defined in at least one of said roll body or said friction roll parallel to the axis of said friction roll.

27. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said friction ring is further affixable to at least one of said roll body or said friction roll by at least one auxiliary fastener.

28. (New) An apparatus as in claim 27, wherein said fastening apparatus and said auxiliary fastener are equally distributed over the circumference of at least one said

roll body or said friction roll.

29. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said fastening apparatus comprises two connectors, whereby one of said connectors is secured to each of said two open ends of said friction ring.

30. (New) An apparatus as in claim 29, wherein said fastening apparatus further comprises a bolt device that is extendable through recesses in both of said connectors.

31. (New) An apparatus as in claim 30, wherein said bolt device is extendable into at least one of said roll body or said friction roll.

32. (New) An apparatus as in claim 29, wherein said connectors comprise clips.

33. (New) An apparatus as in claim 29, wherein each of said connectors include at least one hook that is engagable with a corresponding hook on said other connector.

34. (New) An apparatus as in claim 33, wherein said hooks have a slanted shape.

35. (New) An apparatus as in claim 33, wherein said hooks are subjected to a load in a locking direction relative to a direction of drive of said friction ring when said connectors have secured a friction ring to said roll body.

36. (New) An apparatus as in claim 29, wherein surfaces of said friction ring and said connectors form a shape-based connection to secure said friction ring to said roll body.

37. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said friction ring is elastically constructed in a length direction so that said friction ring when installed on said roll body is subjected to tensile force.

38. (New) An apparatus as in claim 37, wherein said friction ring exhibits a cross-section that diminishes from a center portion of said friction ring to edges of said friction ring when no tensile force is acting on said friction ring.

39. (New) An apparatus as in claim 38, wherein said cross-section of said friction ring is about constant when subject to said tensile force equal to that of installation on said roll body.

40. (New) An apparatus as in claim 37, wherein said friction ring exhibits a width that diminishes with increasing distance from said ends of said friction ring when no tensile force is acting on said friction ring.

41. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said friction ring is preshaped in a curvature that conforms to a curvature of a circumference of said roll body.

42. (New) An apparatus as in claim 41, wherein said fastening apparatus is preshaped in a curvature that conforms to a curvature of a circumference of said roll body.

43. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said ends of said friction ring are joined by an adhesive.

44. (New) An apparatus as in claim 43, wherein said ends of said friction ring have prepared points for adhesion.

45. (New) An apparatus as in claim 44, wherein said prepared points of adhesion are covered with adhesive before installation of said friction ring on said roll body.

46. (New) An apparatus as in claim 43, wherein said adhesive is capable of being activated by at least one of light or heat.

47. (New) An apparatus as in claim 23, wherein said fastening apparatus further comprises a bolt device that is extendable through recesses in both of said ends of said friction ring.

48. (New) An apparatus as in claim 47, wherein said bolt device is extendable into at least one of said roll body.